Weaker Section Housing Programme in Andhra Pradesh

5319. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to consider and advise HUDCO not to levy 1% additional risk charge for letter of comfort, in lieu of Government guarantee for implementation of Weaker Sections Housing Programme in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) for waiver of risk charge of 1% in respect of some housing and Urban Development schemes.

(c) Board of directors of HUDCO has decided to levy 1% additional risk charge in all cases involving Letter of Comfort, in lieu of Government Guarantee.

Construction of Specially Designed Houses for Disabled

5320. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken initiative to construct specially designed houses for the disabled moving on wheel chairs and handicapped persons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) One of the aims of the National Housing & Habitat Policy 1998 is to meet the special needs of the desabled. However, housing is a State subject. The Central Government has formulated guidelines and space standard for barrier free built environment for the disabled as well as elderly persons. These guidelines have prescribed construction of a minimum of 2% of the total number of units (in case of single detached single dwelling units) to be constructed with barrier

free features, in case of staff housing multiple dwelling and high rise residential units and tenements, a minimum of 1 unit for every 25 plus 1 additional unit for every 100 units thereafter is to be with barrier free features.

These guidelines have been circulated among the State Governments for their guidance.

Funds to NGOs/State Governments under GJUES and NSDP

5321. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been allocating funds to NGOs/State Governments under the Golden Jubilee Urban Employment Scheme (GJUES) and National Slum Development programme (NSDP);

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated to NGOs/State Governments under the above schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received reports that some State Governments/NGOs have violated the norms and misused the funds and allocated it for other purposes; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) The Central Government is allocating funds to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) and National Slum Development Programme (NSDP).

(b) The details of funds allocated to the State/UTs under SJSRY and NSDP, during the last three years are given in enclosed Statement I and II respectively. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, complaints received have been referred to the State Governments for necessary action and report. As yet no final report has been received from any State Government although Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent an interim reply.